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XV.

Does I knaow as Betty Bayle 'ave lightened ov a haccident? Iss I knaows, a come an' telled we. A sez as 'er wuz a gooin' out o' the dooer, an' 'er ketched 'er fut agen summat or another, an' 'er come down a riglar flump, an' 'urted the spine ov' 'er baack. Er corn't do nothin' fur 'erself, an' waants somebody to wahit ov 'er, nor 'er corn't sit up on end in bed.

'T yean't so lung agoo as 'er wuz thraowed out of a cort, as a druv fro' 'ooster at th' edge o' night; as 'er mon druv 'owever. Thay two wuz sot i' front, an' a striplin' youth be'ind; an' the' 'arse 'e ecked, an' 'e come down all of a mullock, an' broak the shahves, but a wuzn't 'urted as a mah sahy. Nar thahy wuzn't neither, anny moer 'n 'e scrazed the skin off 'is two legs, an' wuz hobligaated to scrobble about a feow dahys. Might 'a bin a sight wuss. 'Er said as 'er 'eort quobbed despret wen a come down. 'T wuz anent thahy two posses atop o' the baank, agen th' archat as 'as th' 'igh moundin'.

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That 'arse a yean't saafe to drive; a be foundered in 'is fit an' sah totterdy and wik in 'is jints, sometimes a be all ov a quiver. 'E bin down afoer, useful 'arse else an' gooes alung copital, niver hoffers to kick nar nothin'. Dessahy 't wuz a loose stun or summat 'as he trode on an' slipped like. I knaows as I should be to git shet on 'im. Ted Shorp 'e did bid 'e to' pun ten fur 'im, an' 'e sez "Do 'ee think as I be drunk or a fool?" 'e sez, an' a gits swartlin'? There corn't be no strahighter-forrarder mon nor 'e, a be too strahight-forrard 'oweever; a did n't waant to 'a nothin' to do ov 'e, a be sich a baad pahymaster; 'is trouble is to git 'olt o' the money, a niver looses noane.

But some on 'em did tell we las' Wensday—I minds as 't wuz 'is dahter Hann, wen 'er come 'roun' at the shank o' th' dahy fur some milk ar summat—an' 'er telled we as 'e telled Jarge as 'e wuz to tell 'e if a sin' orf a chonce to sell th' 'arse, as a didn't waant 'im no lunger. Dessahy 'e'll soon git out on 'im. I knaows as I shouldn't be to kip 'im ef 'e wuz my 'arse I 'oodn't sit be'ind 'im wotever. A shouldn't like to come down lumpus as thahy two did, not if a wuzn't not to bre-ak no bwones. I 'oodn't do 't, not if a wuz to gie mah hever so much, no dahinger.

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